

Notice of Allowability	Application No.	Applicant(s)	
	09/691,308	DORUM ET AL.	
	Examiner	Art Unit	
	HUNG Q PHAM	2162	

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All claims being allowable, PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS (OR REMAINS) CLOSED in this application. If not included herewith (or previously mailed), a Notice of Allowance (PTOL-85) or other appropriate communication will be mailed in due course. **THIS NOTICE OF ALLOWABILITY IS NOT A GRANT OF PATENT RIGHTS.** This application is subject to withdrawal from issue at the initiative of the Office or upon petition by the applicant. See 37 CFR 1.313 and MPEP 1308.

1. ☒ This communication is responsive to 05/24/2004.
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 1-31.
3. ☒ The drawings filed on 18 October 2000 are accepted by the Examiner.
4. ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
 - a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some* c) ☐ None of the:
 1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
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 3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this national stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* Certified copies not received: _____.


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5. ☐ A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION must be submitted. Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL PATENT APPLICATION (PTO-152) which gives reason(s) why the oath or declaration is deficient.
 6. ☐ CORRECTED DRAWINGS (as "replacement sheets") must be submitted.
 - (a) ☐ including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) attached
 - 1) ☐ hereto or 2) ☐ to Paper No./Mail Date _____.
 - (b) ☐ including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment / Comment or in the Office action of Paper No./Mail Date _____.
- Identifying indicia such as the application number (see 37 CFR 1.84(c)) should be written on the drawings in the front (not the back) of each sheet. Replacement sheet(s) should be labeled as such in the header according to 37 CFR 1.121(d).
7. ☐ DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

Attachment(s)

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| <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892) 2. <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) 3. <input type="checkbox"/> Information Disclosure Statements (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08),
Paper No./Mail Date _____ 4. <input type="checkbox"/> Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit
of Biological Material | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 5. <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152) 6. <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413),
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SHAHID ALAM
PRIMARY EXAMINER

DETAILED ACTION

Response to Arguments

1. With respect to the rejections of claims 1-31 under U.S.C § 103, applicant's statement shows that the subject matter of the reference and the claimed invention were, at the time the invention was made, subject to an obligation of assignment to the same person (Amendment 05/24/2004). The statement has been fully considered and is persuasive. Therefore, the rejection of claims 1-31 has been withdrawn because Ohler patent is no longer available as prior art against the claims of the present application.

Allowable Subject Matter

2. Claims 1-31 are allowed.

The closest available prior arts, USP 5,864,632, issued to Ogawa et al., Applicant Admitted Prior Art, and USP 6,470,265, issued to Tanaka, in combination also teach a method for updating a geographic database. However, as in claims 1 and 6, Ogawa, Applicant Admitted Prior Art and Tanaka fail to teach or suggest the steps of *determining whether said report is suitable for confirmation by satellite imagery; if said report is suitable for confirmation by satellite imagery, obtaining a satellite image containing said location of said errors, and determining whether said report relates to a type of error that is suitable for confirmation by satellite imagery; if said report does relate to the type of error that is suitable for confirmation by satellite imagery, obtaining a satellite image of location* in claim 30.

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Therefore, the invention is allowable over the prior arts for being directed to a combination of claimed elements including the providing steps as indicated above.

Contact Information


3. Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the Issue Fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the Issue Fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance".

4. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to HUNG Q PHAM whose telephone number is 571-272-4040. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday-Friday.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, JOHN E BREENE can be reached on 571-272-4107. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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Examiner Hung Pham
December 15, 2004


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